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The Examiner's attention is drawn to related co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/661,800 filed April 16, 2007, and the references cited therein.

The relevance of the references is shown in the attached European communication dated August 13, 2008, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office in a related foreign application.

Please note that EP1403666 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above application on June 19, 2006, and is not being listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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